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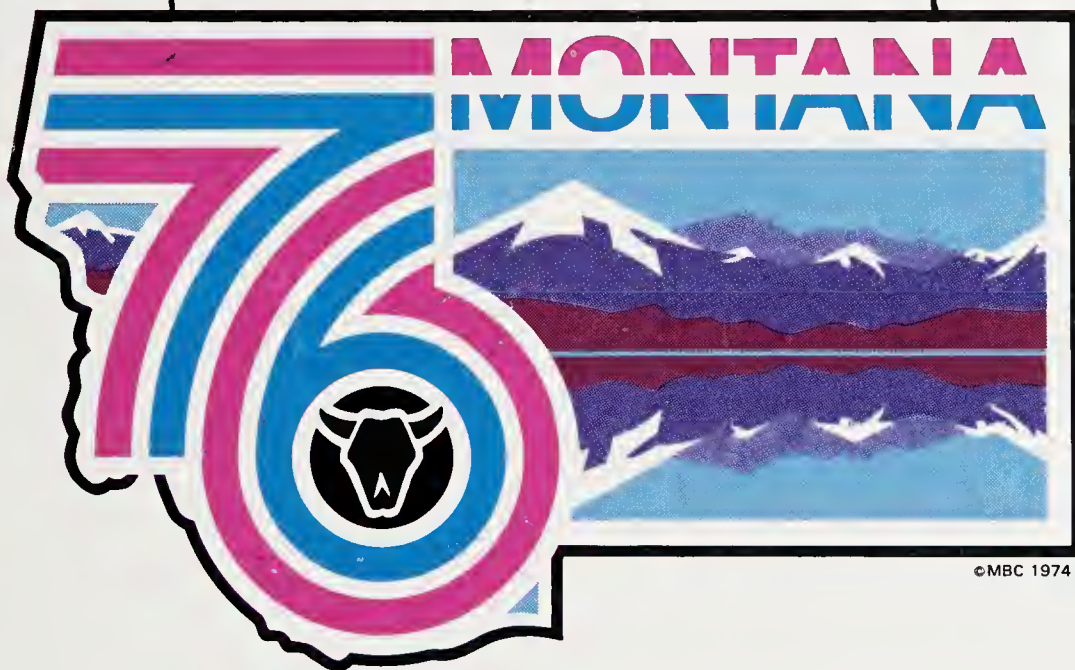
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BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITIES

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in Washington, D. C., has launched a massive program intended to make it possible for any community across the nation to be officially recognized as a Bicentennial Community.

Every city, county, township and Indian reservation across the country was sent the application forms this past year. Thusfar, Meagher County, Liberty County, Yellowstone County, Richland County, Cascade County, Dawson County, Golden Valley County, Custer County, and the Fort Peck Reservation have made application for Bicentennial Community status.

Sidney/Richland County and Great Falls/Cascade County have been approved at the state level and advanced to the regional ARBA office for review.

Bicentennial Community designation will give the city involved national publicity for their efforts. A special Bicentennial flag will be given to the city and additional encouragement through special news releases and markers will follow.

A simple four-step procedure is necessary to make application for Bicentennial Community status.

1. Organize a Bicentennial planning and coordinating committee representative of your entire community.
2. Plan a Bicentennial program having broad-based community involvement, transcending the three thematic areas of the Bicentennial -- Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76. Develop at least one project that will serve as a lasting reminder of the community's efforts in commemorating the 200th anniversary of our nation.
3. Obtain the approval of the Chief Executive Officer of the community.
4. Submit the application to the Montana ARBA in Helena for review.

The Montana Bicentennial Commission would like each Bicentennial Community applicant to contact their County Bicentennial committee. Coordination between city and county planning committees is absolutely requisite to a successful local commemoration.

BICENTENNIAL RECEIVES \$50,000



Governor Thomas L. Judge recently signed into law House Bill 1111. The bill appropriated \$50,000 from the state's general fund to be used for county bicentennial projects for fiscal year 1974-75.

The bill requires that the state money be "matched" in cash by federal dollars; thus raising the total to \$100,000. The Bicentennial Commission's policy of requiring at least a 50% cash match will ultimately result in over \$200,000 in projects during the 1974-75 fiscal year.

Hal Stearns, Executive Director of the Commission, together with his Deputy Director, John Barrett, expressed gratitude to the Governor and the Legislature for their commitment to the Bicentennial.

Mr. Stearns, commenting on the bill's passage, said that the "Bicentennial Commission is desirous of total community involvement. We would like to see a commemoration that would include each of Montana's cities participating in many projects. This commitment by the State of Montana to the Bicentennial is the kind of boost needed to effect a significant and meritorious celebration of the birth of our nation."

"TOWNS OF TOMORROW"

Governor Thomas L. Judge has initiated an innovative program of assistance for small towns with populations of 3,000 or less. The program calls for the focusing of government and professional "brainpower" on the problems of Montana's small towns.

Many of our towns have been neglected in the past, simply because they are SMALL TOWNS. The Governor, during the 1973 State Government Public Forums, received many pleas for financial and planning assistance from the citizens of many of the communities he visited. The "Towns of Tomorrow" program is a direct result of his spoken determination to confront the problems of Montana's small towns.

Initially, two communities will be selected from the many applications received. These communities will serve as "pilots" for the program. As the program succeeds, additional towns will be included in the program.

The Montana Bicentennial Commission has been approached by Mrs. Dorothy Eck, the Governor's State/Local Coordinator. Mrs. Eck requested that the Bicentennial Commission participate through its grant program in helping the "Towns of Tomorrow" program gain momentum.

The Bicentennial Commission has endorsed the "Towns of Tomorrow" program and will assist whenever possible. The Commission is pleased with the administration's efforts to preserve the small town and its special place in the heritage of our great state.

Hal Stearns, Executive Director of the Bicentennial in Montana, has been appointed a member of the Selection Committee of the "Towns of Tomorrow" program.

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"At the Grand Ball at the Court House, 'the girls from the country' got away with our town belles. It was rustic beauty against powdered and painted 'get-ups' and a candid critic must accord the 'country girls' the first place!"

excerpt from The Madisonian, Virginia City, Montana, newspaper, July 6, 1876.

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MONTANA GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Governor Thomas L. Judge presented a special ARBA certificate of recognition to Mrs. John K. Madsen, President of the Girl Scout Council of Montana during Girl Scout Week.

The certificate was presented to the scouts in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Bicentennial. The Girl Scouts of Montana are involved in various projects throughout the state. The major project centers upon the search for important, yet heretofore unrecognized women of Montana who, through their efforts, have made the state a better place to live.

Accompanying Mrs. Madsen were Nancy Whale and Susan Freeman, Helena Girl Scouts, who accepted the national American Revolution Bicentennial flag for all the Girl Scouts of Montana.

Governor Judge expressed his pleasure at seeing the youth of Montana take an active interest in their heritage.

The Governor stated that "the attitude of the Girl Scouts characterizes the growing commitment of Montana youth to the preservation of our magnificent heritage. The efforts of these girls, combined with the efforts of many youth clubs and schools around the state, will ultimately provide for a better Montana."

It's a good question! How far can a community or county go on this bicentennial thing with a minimum of funding and moderate interest in the area? There are no answers that would suit all of the counties or communities. The answer lies where the question begins -- locally.

Every community possesses enough brainpower and drive to solve the majority of their problems...They just never get it put together. The state Commission can help somewhat financially, but the bulk of assistance must come from within.

Several examples of what a few of our communities are doing are described below to offer evidence of your potential:

DAWSON COUNTY The Makoshika State Park promotion, a Frontier Street in the Museum, the location and marking of historical and archaeological sites, a picture book of the county, a pageant in 1976, several parades, fairs, rodeos, square dances, art exhibits with bicentennial themes, concerts, clean-up campaigns, landscaping projects, new park and parkways.

CASCADE COUNTY An 18-building replica of an early Montana town, parades, fairs, symphonies, plays and pageants, clean-up campaigns, large decals of Montana Bicentennial logo on all county and city vehicles (over 350), many improvement projects in conjunction with the city and county.

CUSTER COUNTY a model homestead, the building and equipment from the original post office in the county, pageants, a new community center.

RICHLAND COUNTY Construction of an amphitheater and the staging of an historic pageant, a park next to the amphitheater, a radio show depicting local history, construction of rest stops, planting of trees and beautification, erection of bicentennial signs, paving of road leading to historic sites, Fort Union and Fort Buford.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY The marking of where Chief Joseph crossed the Musselshell, a highway rest stop near the site, a pamphlet detailing old land marks and trails, celebration.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY Relocation and preservation of original town of Coulson, family histories and genealogy collection, the marking and preservation of old homes, preserve and mark the Baker battleground, art exhibits, an events calendar, special theatre productions, the production of a film on the life of western artist Ken Ralston to be released nationally, a Bicentennial park, the establishment of an arts and humanities council to promote cultural events for the city.

MEAGHER COUNTY The preservation and restoration of the Castle museum, the publication of a pamphlet locating historic sites, markers on same, the fencing of historical areas of Castletown and the preservation of important buildings, the fencing of Fort Logan cementary, and the preservation of the blockhouse.

The list could go on and on. Your community must look to its own talent, to its own leadership. We will supply you with whatever we can, but the desire and muscle must be local.

Every locality has specific priority goals. The Bicentennial is the time to accomplish them. Your greatest resources are walking all around you every day. Do you have the clubs and organizations with you yet? What are they doing? The schools? The churches? The governments? Yes, even the governments. Many of the projects they are planning could become community bicentennial projects. But they have to be pushed, asked, petitioned, whatever. Go to them; leadership will do wonders for all of your committee's hopes for the bicentennial.

GET INVOLVED IN THE BICENTENNIAL NOW !!!

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"Personals: Governor Potts returned home from Deer Lodge...where he had been overhauling Penitentiary officers. We understand the new regime is acceptable to all the parties concerned except the prisoners who think it a little unkind of his Honor to thus summarily cut off their little luxuries -- pies, cakes, toothbrushes and such -- just on the eve of the holidays..."

from The Madisonian, December 27, 1873.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Communities along the Canadian border are urged to contact nearby Canadian towns to see if they can jointly commemorate the Bicentennial. Sunburst, for example, is interested in building a Peace Garden Monument.

Groups with common public interests can combine their ideas and reserves and promote common projects or programs. Music Festivals can feature bands from Canada. In planning your Bicentennial commemoration, your community should explore every possible idea. Our neighbors to the north have myriad parallel interests historically. Join hands and celebrate!

LOCAL HISTORY

The Montana Bicentennial Commission has available a few copies of "A Guidebook on Writing Local History."

The guidebook can be obtained by your county committee by merely writing to the Commission and requesting it.

The quantity is extremely limited, so each county will be sent one only if desired.

The book is quite thorough and will aid any organization pondering the writing of a local history. County committees may wish to duplicate portions of the book and advance them to interested parties, thus retaining the original for the office.

PLANNING A PAGEANT?

Any group interested in staging a local pageant should write to the Montana Bicentennial Commission. A pamphlet is presently being prepared that should help you plan an effective pageant.

Pageants will more than likely be staged during 1976; however, the time to begin planning them is NOW.

INVOLVE THE SCHOOLS

Approach the schools in your county. Interest in the Bicentennial can be aroused through the promotion of poetry, essay, art, music and drama competitions, study of local history and more. DO NOT NEGLECT THE YOUTH IN YOUR PLANNING.

RURAL INVOLVEMENT

The rural communities of Montana can do much toward helping the Bicentennial efforts by organizing and promoting farm machinery displays, new and old, threshing bees, home economics demonstrations, 4-H club displays, Future Farmers of America demonstrations, and more.

The Bicentennial needs rural groups to help expound the culture and traditions of American and Montanan agriculture. Interested groups should contact your county extension agent, youth group leaders or your county bicentennial committee.

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BOY SCOUTS!! THE BICENTENNIAL PROVIDES YOU WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. GET INVOLVED!! CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OR COUNTY COMMITTEE. WE NEED YOU.

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The state Bicentennial office would like each county to forward copies of their minutes, plans, etc. that pertain to the Bicentennial. Up-to-date files will be kept on every Montana county.

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FUNDRAISING

The Montana Bicentennial Commission's official logo pin is now available for resale by county bicentennial committees. If your county committee would like to earn funds through the sale of these commemorative pins, contact the Montana Bicentennial Commission in Helena.

Arrangements will have to be made on an individual basis with the Commission.

Service clubs and other groups may participate in this program. Contact your county committee or the state commission.

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"The heroic Custer fell a sacrifice to Grant's remorseless hate. He sent him to the Indian country to die, and his purpose has been fulfilled." The Helena Independent, 7/8/1876.

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Montana Bicentennial Commission has established June 1 as the deadline for the reception of grant applications to be considered by the Advisory Council early this summer.

Project applications received after the June 1 deadline will be considered after the next allotment of federal money arrives.

All projects requesting funding must either be an agency of state, county or local government or a non-profit organization as evidenced by a "letter of exemption" from the Internal Revenue Service.

All interested parties seeking assistance from the Commission should write to the Commission and request the "questionnaire". The questionnaire should be filled out completely. If the application is accepted and funds awarded, the Commission will fill out the necessary federal forms.

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*THE COMMISSION RECEIVED A SUGGESTION RECENTLY,
SOUNDS INTERESTING...*

"...we inquired into a project that their Celebration Committee has developed, of painting the fire plugs red, white and blue.

They have used a great deal of initiative, involving art students in classes throughout the state...It is amazing how attractive a fire hydrant can be when it is painted with faces, hats, patriotic themes, etc. I believe they had contests, etc. Certainly it is a dramatic advertisement of the coming recognition..."

GIVE YOU ANY IDEAS ?

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NEWS MAY BE SECURED BY WRITING: MONTANA BI-
CENTENNIAL COMMISSION, 225 NORTH ROBERTS,
HELENA, MONTANA 59601. PHONE 449-3884.

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Adobetown, one of the camps in Alder Gulch, had a good share of Irish miners. St. Patrick's Day was, then, a special occasion. In 1874, Nick Carey ordered extra kegs of beer in anticipation of the event.

When Henry Gilbert of the Virginia City Brewery reported that the beer had escaped on the way down the gulch because the bungs had flown out, Carey replied, "oh well, never mind...it'll be froze by morning, and I'll go along and pick it up again. I must have the beer, you know."

With that, Gilbert bought for the house.

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BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS FUNDED TO DATE

The Montana Bicentennial Commission has funded \$40,000 in projects to date. 18 individual projects were among those funded. A brief project description, the location and the amount are listed below:

1. "Historical Education and Enlightenment" Red Lodge \$500
2. "Montana Bicentennial Town" Great Falls \$5,000
3. "Makoshika State Park Improvements" Glendive \$1,000
4. "Museum Expansion" Lewistown \$2,500
5. "Recorded History of the Gallatin Valley" Bozeman \$1,000
6. "Yard Beautification at the Friendship Center" Helena \$350
7. "Wishing Fountain at Shodair Children's Hospital" Helena \$1,165
8. "Lincoln County Photograph Collection" Libby \$650
9. "Restoration of Castle Museum" White Sulphur Springs \$2,500
10. "Renovating of Historic Log House" Roundup \$1,355
11. "Restoration of St. Mary's Mission" Stevensville \$5,000
12. "Research Library" Butte \$5,000
13. "Wildlife Sanctuary" Glasgow \$5,480
14. "Local History" Shepherd \$500
15. "Bicentennial feature" State Magazine \$3,000
16. "Montana Booth Exterior/Expo '74" Spokane \$5,000

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BICENTENNIAL WORKSHOP IN WORKS

The Montana Bicentennial Commission is planning a summer workshop for the county bicentennial committee officers.

The workshop will aimed at educating the officers in the various problem areas of planning a bicentennial celebration, federal grants, fundraising, project promotion, Bicentennial Communities and more.

The workshop will cover an entire day. County committee officers should look for periodic releases pertaining to the workshop. Scheduling will be completed in the near future and the county committees will be informed.

GREAT FALLS TO BUILD MONTANA BICENTENNIAL TOWN



Pictured above is an architectural sketch of the proposed "Montana Bicentennial Town" being built by the Cascade County Bicentennial Committee. The town will ultimately have 18 different structures and will stand permanently at the County Fairgrounds.

Many of the old buildings are being brought into Great Falls from locations around the state. Others will have to be built new. Present plans call for a saloon, general merchantile, livery stable, sheriff's office, and more.

The Bicentennial Town received \$5,000 in ARBA grant money earlier this year. Additional money will be raised through various fundraising activities, including the sale of CHARTER CITIZENSHIPS for \$25. A certificate evidencing charter citizenship with the subscriber's name and charter number will be sent to each charter member.

All buildings will be historically accurate and most will be functionable, open a good part of the year. Write to Cascade Bicentennial Committee, 325 2nd Ave. N., G. F.

MONTANA BICENTENNIAL LOGO PINS
NOW AVAILABLE

The famous Montana Bicentennial logo is now available in a beautiful 1" 6-color lapel pin! The pins are on sale now at the state office. Send \$1.50 for each pin ordered to:

MONTANA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
225 NORTH ROBERTS
HELENA, MONTANA 59601

'LIVING LOGO' ON YOUR LAWN?

Keep your eyes open and watch where you step! The state Commission has recently made plans for 'living logos' to be set up around the state.

The 'Living Logo' is a flower bed planted in the shape of the national Bicentennial logo. Red, white and blue petunias create the symbolic star and stripe that characterize the logo.

The Commission encourages your county to include one of these beautiful logos in your county landscaping budget. It will certainly stir great interest and the beauty is overwhelming.

The state office has blueprints for the logo in 10', 20', 30' and 40' diameter sizes. A colorful and inexpensive way to commemorate the birth of our nation!

Write to the state office for more information.

EVERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LAWN IN THE STATE
SHOULD HAVE ONE

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Emigrant Gulch Mines--Mr. J. Coan, who has for the past 6 or 7 years been engaged in mining operations in Emigrant Gulch, came to Bozeman this week, bringing with him quite a "wad" of dust!

excerpt from The Madisonian, 12/27/1873

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COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL PROGRAM

The Montana Bicentennial Commission has contracted with Rouche Jaune, Inc. of Kalispell to strike the official Montana Bicentennial Medal Collection.

The collection will feature four medals. The first, slated to be issued early this summer, will feature the original 'Montanans', the Indian and the buffalo. "The First Ones" will be inscribed in both English and phonetically in the Blackfeet language.

On the reverse side Lewis and Clark are depicted.

The remaining medals reflect historical periods in the development of our great state.

The medals will be marketed by Rouche Jaune, although they may be purchased through the state office. The commission is at present working on a plan whereby the County Bicentennial Committees may receive a commission for each medal sold through their organization.

The medal program may well prove to be a real and active approach to county fundraising problems. An energetic committee could earn a goodly amount to be used on local projects.

More information on the beautiful set will be forthcoming. The medals will be struck in both silver and copper. Montana will be somewhat unique in its production of a copper medal.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE INITIAL MEDAL

COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES FOR SALE

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The Montana Bicentennial Commission has embarked upon the sale of a commemorative envelope (cachet) series for the Bicentennial era. The series will include ten distinct cachets for \$10. A limit of 3,000 sets will be issued and will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The series will be released beginning March 1, 1974. The first cachet was issued on that date and subsequent cachets will be issued thereafter on a quarterly basis.

The second cachet in the series will commemorate the Louisiana Purchase. It will feature the scarce Louisiana Purchase stamp, the Montana Bicentennial logo in full color, sketches of Jefferson, Lewis and Clark and Sacajawea, and will be postmarked from Great Falls, a significant landmark in the land purchase that expanded this country "from sea to shining sea."

This commemorative cachet series will certainly become one of the most beautiful and relevant memories of the Bicentennial era.

The first cachet is almost sold out. The remaining few will be sold only to those purchasing the entire set. Those interested in buying the series should send \$10 plus \$1 for postage and handling to the Montana Bicentennial Commission, 225 North Roberts, Helena, Mt. 59601.

Those interested in purchasing individual cachets may refer to the following schedule for the dates of individual cachet releases.

Persons ordering the entire series will be sent each cachet as it is released.

<i>cachet</i>	1	<i>March 1, 1974</i>
<i>cachet</i>	2	<i>June 1, 1974</i>
<i>cachet</i>	3	<i>Sept. 1, 1974</i>
<i>cachet</i>	4	<i>Dec. 1, 1974</i>
<i>cachet</i>	5	<i>March 1, 1975</i>
<i>cachet</i>	6	<i>June 1, 1975</i>
<i>cachet</i>	7	<i>Sept. 1, 1975</i>
<i>cachet</i>	8	<i>Dec. 1, 1975</i>
<i>cachet</i>	9	<i>March 1, 1976</i>
<i>cachet</i>	10	<i>June 1, 1976</i>

If you order the cachets individually, send \$1 per cachet and a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.

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NATIONAL ARBA ADMINISTRATOR NAMED



Former Secretary of the Navy, John W. Warner, was named administrator of the national American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) March 11, 1974 by President Richard Nixon.

Warner, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and the University of Virginia Law School, has previously served as Director of Ocean Affairs and Undersecretary of the Navy.

The new administrator was active militarily in both the Second World War and the Korean Conflict, achieving the rank of Captain.

Warner is expected to meet soon with the state and regional directors to lay the groundwork for the commemoration that will begin within two years.

The Montana Bicentennial Commission is pleased with the new appointment, and is hopeful that the national American Revolution Bicentennial Administration will now "shake off the cobwebs" and provide the leadership and assistance necessary for a proper commemoration.

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"The hotel proprietors of the city are censured by many for advancing the price of meals on the 4th of July to \$1. Their regular rates had been \$.50 per meal, and it looked as though they took advantage of the situation, which they did, without previous announcement." The Madisionian, July 20, 1876.

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That much-revered symbol of America's independence, the Liberty Bell, probably cracked because it was faulty from the start. That is the verdict of a prominent metallurgist, according to an article in the June, 1973 issue of AMERICAN HERITAGE, the magazine of history.

The bell cracked the first time it was rung, shortly after it arrived at the Pennsylvania State House (later called Independence Hall) in 1752. Rather than return it to its makers, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, the dismayed Philadelphians had the bell recast by two local foundrymen, John Pass and John Stow, who were careful to add their names below the original, and portentous, inscription around the bell's crown.

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THE BICENTENNIAL! WHY BOTHER?

Our Founding Fathers would probably be highly concerned over the lack of participation in, and concern about public affairs by most Americans.

Americans of today need to have the same kind of dedication as was exemplified by those who had the courage to establish this nation.

The Bicentennial era affords us a way back toward responsibility. We should re-examine our heritage to see if the principles upon which this country was founded are still intact and to consider whether we as the custodians of these principles are fulfilling our responsibilities.

The participation of every citizen is necessary. We can help to make our communities and state better places in which to live. We can expand and improve education. We can come together to celebrate what we have done as a nation.

The Bicentennial is the opportunity for each of us to establish a new sense of responsibility for our nation, its policies and practices. We must establish a new spirit of responsibility, a "new spirit of '76."

The people, you and I, are the determinants of policy and direction, not our elected officials. We, the people, are America. GET INVOLVED IN THE BICENTENNIAL!!!! NOW!!!!

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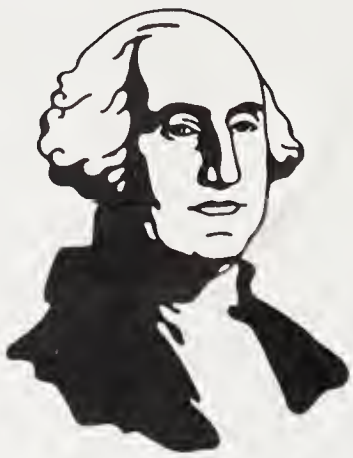
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WHO SAID THAT?



"I shall never ask, never refuse, nor ever resign an office!"

"There never was a good war or a bad peace!"

"An advantage itinerant preachers have over those who are stationary, the latter cannot well improve their delivery of a sermon by so many rehearsals."

"The grand leap of the Whale up the Fall of Niagara is esteemed, by all who have seen it, as one of the finest Spectacles in Nature..." *To the editor of a London newspaper (1765), intended to chaff the English for their ignorance of America.*

"8th and lastly. They are so greatful." *from REASONS FOR PREFERRING AN ELDERLY MISTRESS, 1745.*

(BENJAMIN FRANKLIN)

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